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Dear Parent/Carer

It is astonishing to think that an entire half term has passed within the blink of any eye but here we are! My apologies, I had hoped to write this letter earlier in the term, but time has run away from me.

I am incredibly proud to let you know that I have been voted in as Chair of Governors once more for a second year. It is an honour to undertake this role once again and work alongside the Governing committee and the William Law staff for another academic year. I would like to take this moment to thank the Governing body for all their hard work and commitment to their voluntary role.

I would also like to welcome Rev Alison to our school and church community and hope that herself and her family are settling well into Werrington and William Law.

The schools' key priorities for 2023/24 are:

Quality of Education: Pedagogical Knowledge (QFT):

- The quality of teaching remains at least good and is developing so that there are increasing numbers of examples of excellent practice across the academy. As a result, outcomes and progress for all learners, including those with SEND, are at least good and improving over time.

Quality of Education: Curriculum – English and Math's:

- To ensure that curriculum in English and Math's enables teaching that remains at least good and is developing by:
- Phonics – Ensure that the quality of phonics teaching and rapid catchup is improving outcomes so by the end of year 1 the school achieves at least the national average
- Reading – To further develop the teaching of inference across key stage 2 and ensure that children are held accountable for regular reading
- Writing – to develop subject pedagogy in writing cohesive texts
- Writing- To further develop the writing curriculum so progression and skills in the use of literary devices matches the reading curriculum ambition
- Writing- To develop pupils writing stamina so that they are able to write at length
- Math's – further develop the teaching of arithmetic with a clear structure and expectation in place to improve arithmetic scores

Key Priority 3: Behaviour and Attitudes; Personal Development:

- To embed and further develop learning behaviors within the ethos and culture of the school by:
- Embedding the Paul Dix approach to behavior so that there is consistency in recognition boards and pride walls
- Revise and relaunch William Law Powers to develop learning behaviors that link to the school's vision and values.



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Key Priority 4: The quality of teaching remains at least good and is developing so that all children get a 'flying start' and are well prepared for the Y1 curriculum.

- Develop staff interactions with children through further training on child and adult initiated learning.
- Focus on high quality role play areas to support learning through child and adult initiated activities.

There are many wonderful activities and trips planned for the coming half term across the school, providing a wide range of educational activities and opportunities for learning. As always, a huge thank you to all staff, helpers and volunteers for their hard work and support that enables William Law to be a thriving and wonderful school.

I would like to take this moment to talk about the difficult subject of money. We all know that the rising cost of living has impacted us all, and we need to talk about how it has affected the school. Over the last couple of years, the school has faced the ever-challenging task of balancing the books and it gets harder each year. All the rising costs that we feel, energy, food, and supplies, impact the school. William Law works incredibly hard to minimize these rising costs to us as parents and carers.

William Law's budget has also been impacted by the unfunded pay rises that were announced by the Government in the last academic year. These pay rises, while highly deserved, do continue to create challenge to the difficult task of balancing the budget. Due to the rising costs, school trips will need to be reviewed and potentially cancelled if necessary if they are not financially viable.

We have an amazing School Association who help to fund so many different things for the school through their fundraising, but it is becoming difficult to manage. This unfortunately means we as parents will see an increase in costs, however the school is always working to reduce these costs as much as possible.

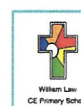
I am asking, as Chair, that you understand the difficulties the school faces and support them in any way that you are able. Some ways that you could help the school are:

- Volunteering in school (even for as little as an hour a week)
- Volunteering on school trips and visits
- Paying voluntary contributions for trips and visits
- Supporting School Association events

I wish you all a wonderful October Half term, and remind you all that I am here for any questions or queries at cog.williamlaw@peterborough.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Mrs F Beveridge
Chair of Governors



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